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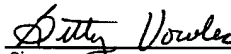
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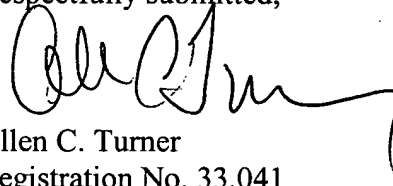
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IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (canceled)
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5. (canceled)
6. (previously presented) The vector according to claim 4, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is present in said vector in a sense orientation.
7. (canceled)
8. (previously presented) Plasmid pDGATcDNA having accession number ATCC PTA-989.

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10.-11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A genetically transformed plant, wherein the genome of the plant has been transformed by the vector according to claim 4.

13.-23. (canceled)

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25. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 3.

26. (previously presented) The vector of claim 4, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 1.

27. (previously presented) The vector of claim 4, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 3.

28.-38. (canceled)

39. (previously presented) A genetically transformed plant seed, wherein the genome of the plant seed has been transformed by the vector of claim 4.

40. (canceled)

41. (new) A genetically transformed plant seed, wherein the genome of the plant seed has been transformed by an introduced nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 3.

42. (new) A plant seed having a genome, wherein said genome has an introduced nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 3 encoding a polypeptide having diacylglycerol acyltransferase activity.

43. (new) A method of changing the oil content, acyl composition or diacylglycerol/triacylglycerol ratio of the seed oil of plant seeds, said method comprising:
introducing a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleic acid sequence, selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 3, encoding a polypeptide having diacylglycerol acyltransferase activity into a plant transformation vector;
transforming the genome of a plant or plant seed with said plant transformation vector;
expressing the nucleic acid sequence;
growing the plant or plant seed; and
selecting the transformed plant or plant seed having the changed oil content, acyl composition or diacylglycerol/triacylglycerol ratio as compared to an average of a statistically-significant number of seeds of plants of the same genotype grown in identical conditions, but without the introduced nucleotide sequence;
wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 2.

REMARKS

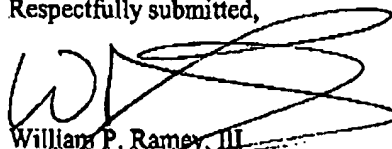
This amendment corrects errors in the text. Entry is respectfully solicited.

In Applicants' Response to the Final Rejection of February 24, 2005, submitted on August 17, 2005, Applicant's canceled claims 11, 13, and 23, among others. Inadvertently, allowable subject matter, claims 28, 29, and 31, depended upon claims 11, 13, and 23. The dependency was not previously properly corrected by amendment. As a result, the Examiner then canceled claims 28, 29 and 31 in the Notice of Allowability. Accordingly, Applicants are now submitting this 312 Amendment to reclaim the subject matter that has already been deemed free of the prior art by the Examiner. Therefore, no further examination is required. The scope of the claims has not been changed from that which was determined to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

This amendment is submitted prior to the payment of the issue fee and, therefore, no petition or fee is required. No new matter has been added.

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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 07 December 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

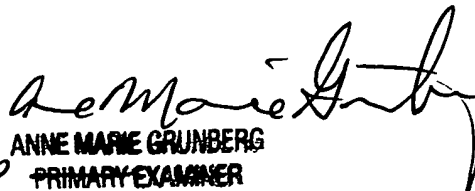
b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.


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